



Internship Description

Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 and charged with three main objectives: to preserve and restore Union Station's historic and architectural significance, preserve the station's long-term function as a multi-use transportation center, and enhance the retail and amenities within the station.

First opened in 1907, Washington, D.C.'s Union Station was once heralded as the largest train station in the world. However, over the years, great demand on the station and poor maintenance resulted in the deterioration of the historic structure and a misguided effort in the 1970s to turn the station into a National Visitor's Center, ultimately resulting in the neglect of the station's historic integrity. After the station was shuttered due to ceiling leaks, Congress passed the Union Station Redevelopment Act in an effort to preserve the historic integrity of the station while advancing its useful purpose to the region. The act charged then U.S. Secretary of Transportation Secretary, Elizabeth Dole, with the task of redeveloping the station, which led to the establishment of USRC in 1983 to assist with this task and to represent the best interests of the station. Today, USRC continues to oversee the station as it evolves into a world-class facility, meeting the needs of more than 100,000 visitors a day.

USRC is seeking interns at the undergraduate and graduate levels, on a part time or full time basis for summer 2017. The internships are paid and relevant areas of study include transportation, urban planning, historic preservation and architecture. Duties include:

- Support to USRC staff to help carry out its main objectives
- Grant Assistance
 - o Development of internal grant database
 - o Provide assistance on grant funded projects
- Assist the USRC Archivist with projects of need
- Communications and Outreach
 - o Promote knowledge and understanding of USRC's role at Union Station and in the local community
 - o Seek out community volunteer opportunities for the organization
 - o Improve USRC's social media presence
 - o Explore the potential to develop a tour program of Union Station
- Planning for Nation Stations consortium
 - o Coordinate with participating stations to meet and share ideas
 - o Search for non-participating stations that may be interested in joining
 - o Set up webinars, conferences, etc.
 - o Maintain database of station development projects around the country and world

Please send the following to rkohli@usrcdc.com to be considered for this opportunity: cover letter, resume, dates of availability, desired hours per week.